

### Remarks

The above amendments have been made in compliance with all of the Examiner's comments, and it is respectfully submitted that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance.

### Specification

The formula at page 36 has been redrawn by flopping the ethyl of the ethoxy group, thereby making it clear that there is no central ring, as commented by the Examiner.

### Rejection of Claim 1 under §112, second paragraph

Each of the points of indefiniteness raised by the Examiner is discussed as follows:

Point 1 – Reference to  $R^{10a}$  and  $R^{11a}$  within the definition has been deleted. The entire definition of  $R^{10a}$  and  $R^{11a}$  has been replaced by the definition for  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  to which it referred. The definition is now in terms of  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  only, i.e., there is no mention of  $R^{10a}$  and  $R^{11a}$ . Terms from the definition of  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  to which the Examiner objected in other points of the Office Action (e.g., halo, halo(loweralkyl)), have also been omitted.

Point 2 – References to  $R^{10a}$  and  $R^{10b}$  have been removed from the definition of Het.

Point 3 – References to  $R^{12a}$  and  $R^{13a}$  have been removed from the definition of Het.

Point 4 – The Examiner's comment has been implemented. The phrase "the residue of" has been re-inserted.

Point 5 – Reference to "appropriate" has been removed.

### Rejection of claims 1-3 under §112, second paragraph

A. The term "hydroxide trapping agent" has been modified in both of claims 1 and 2, per the Examiner's comments.

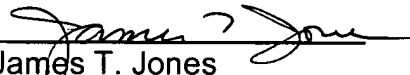
B. The term "halo", including "halo(loweralkyl)", has been removed from the claims, with one exception. Examples 3 and 5-9 all have  $R^4 = \text{iodo}$ . Applicants

If the Examiner feels that any issues remain unresolved, he is requested to telephone the undersigned at 860-441-4903 to expedite resolution of such issues.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, no issues are seen to remain. This case is accordingly believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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